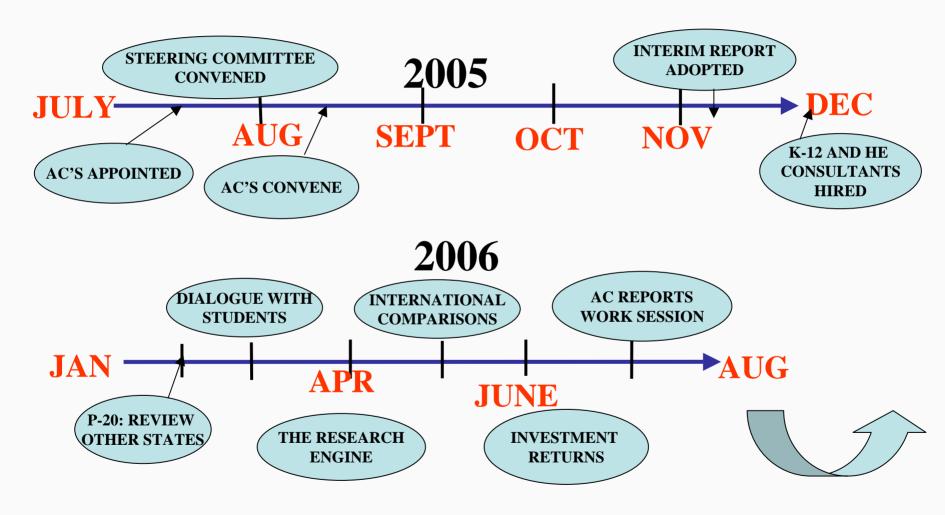
# What Have We Learned?

Presentation to the Steering Committee

August 9, 2006

### **QUICK REVIEW**



# A Changing Economic Landscape

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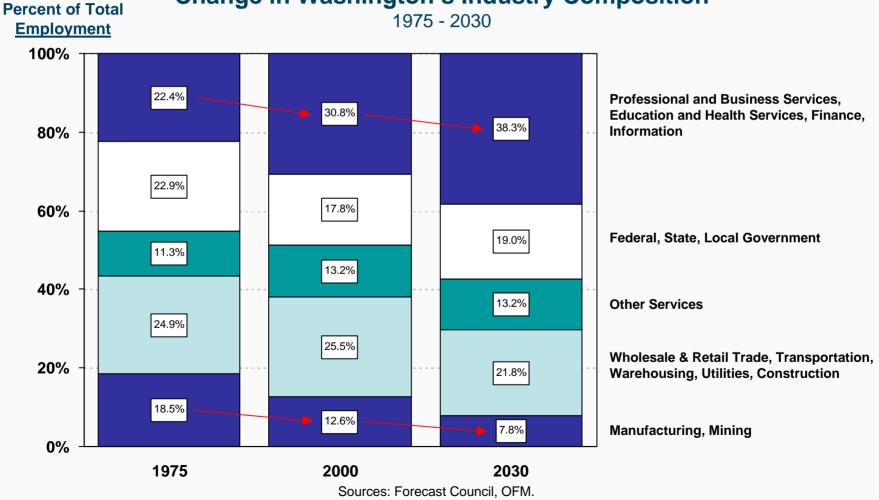
 Most jobs now require at least some post-secondary education

 Employers report difficulty finding educated workers

### Washington's Changing Economic Landscape

Increasing Role of Technology- and Information-Dependent Industries Decreasing Reliance on Manufacturing and Resource-Based Industries





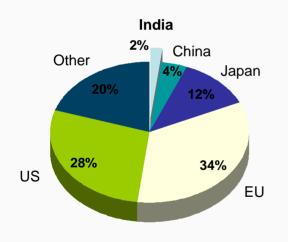
# **Global Competency Matters**

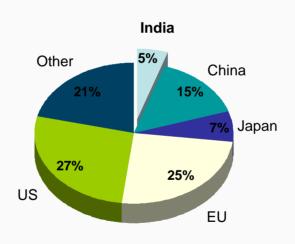
- Washington is like a small nation
- Washington is most trade dependent state (one out of three jobs)
- Tomorrow's workers will
  - Buy and sell to the world
  - Manage global work teams
  - Compete for jobs with workers in other nations

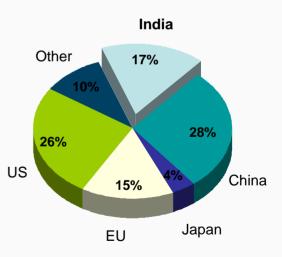
# Snapshot: Looking Forward to a Reshaped Global Economy

Percentage of World GDP

TODAY 2025 2050







Source: Keystone India

### In the new global economy:

- Education is our currency
- Other nations are making strategic investments in education, while we continue with "business as usual"

 United States and Washington are slipping behind other industrialized nations

### How do we compare internationally?

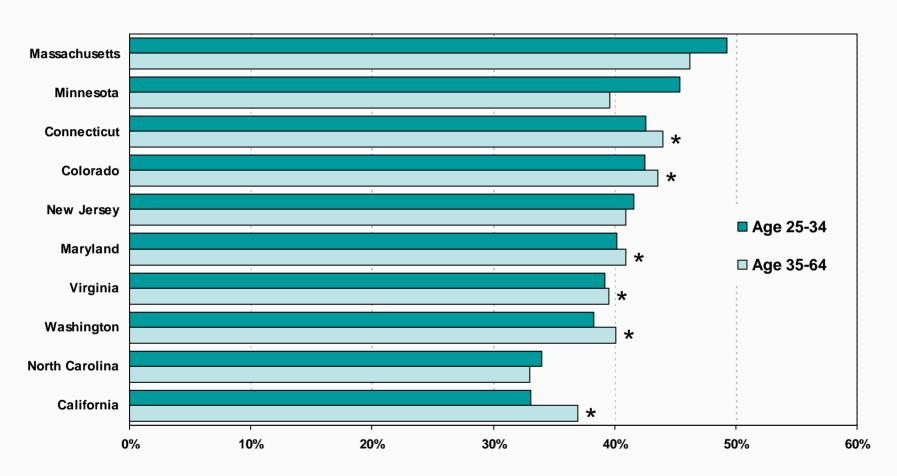
 Compared to 12 industrialized nations participating in student assessments in math at grades 4, 8 and age 15, U.S. ranks:

- 8 out of 12 in 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9 out of 12 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9 out of 12 at age 15

Source: American Institutes for Research, 2005

### Trending in the Wrong Direction:

#### Percent with Associate's or Higher Degree Census 2000



<sup>\*</sup>States where the percentage of population age 35-64 with Associate's or higher degree is greater than that for the age 25-34 population.

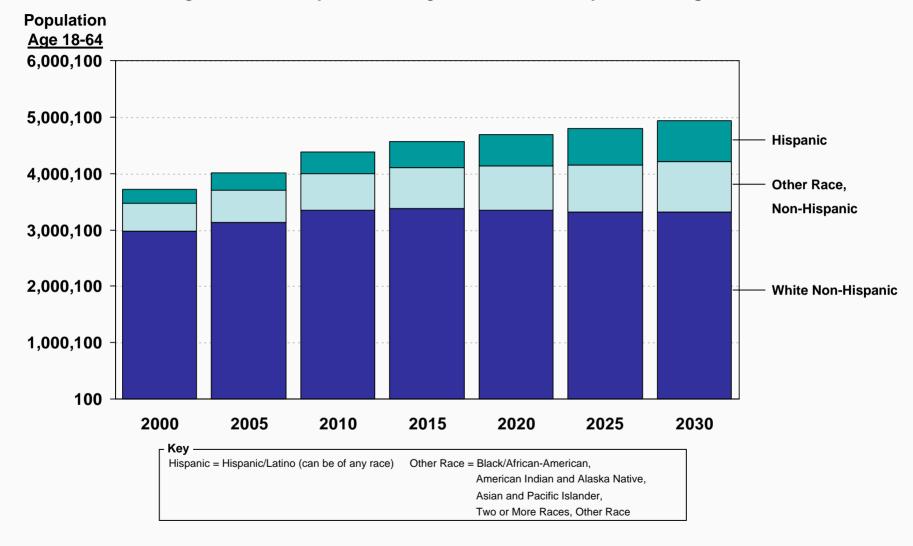
Source: U.S. Census Bureau 5 Percent Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) for Washington.

# Growing diversity = new challenges and new opportunities

- Number of ESL families has doubled since 1993
- Nearly 250,000 adults in Washington speak limited English
- Total minority population increased from 15.7% in 1990 to 22% in 2003
- By 2030, the projected non-white and/or Hispanic population will have nearly doubled

### Washington Labor Force

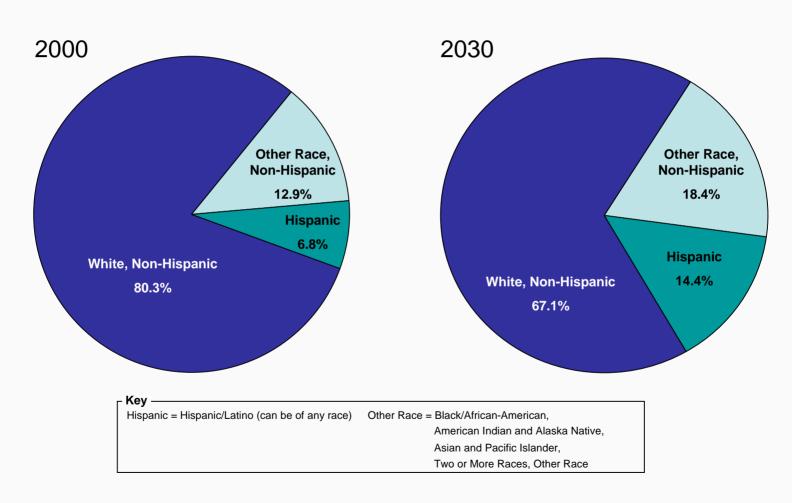
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Source: Office of Financial Management

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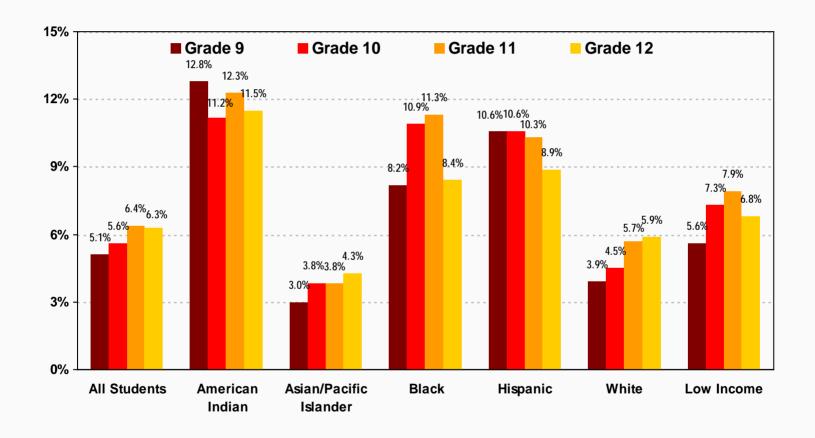


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### **Preparation and Access Gaps**

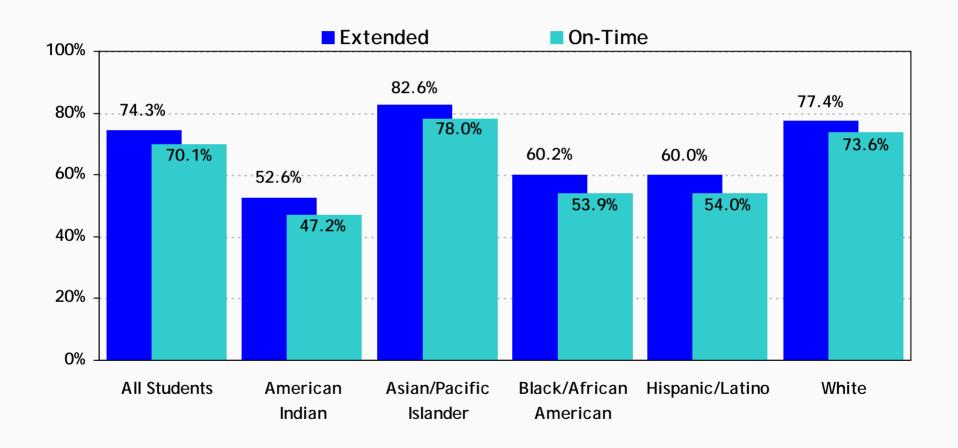
- One out of four 18-24 year olds does NOT have a high school diploma
- Overall, only 70 percent of every 100 9<sup>th</sup> graders graduate from high school with their class
- The rate is significantly lower for African American, American Indian and Hispanic students.
- •Overall, participation rates for non-white and Hispanic students are significantly lower at Washington's public four-year universities and slightly lower at the CT/Cs than for white and Asian students

# High School Dropout Rates By Grade, 2003-04



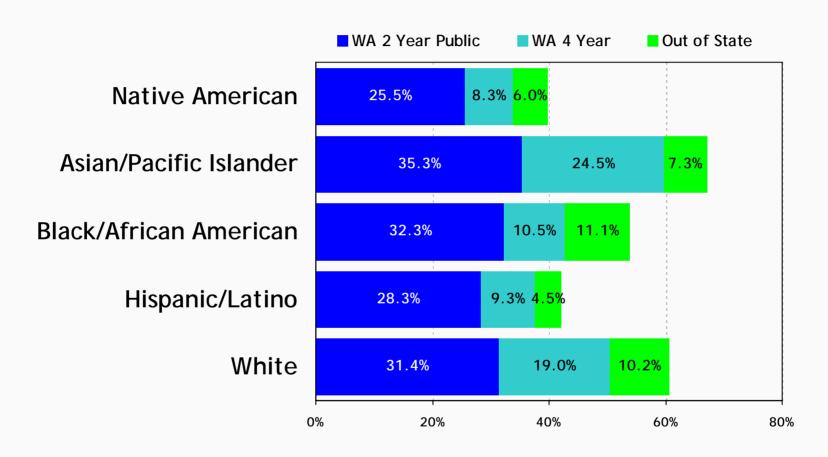
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### **High School Graduation Rates**



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# College-Attending Rates by Race and Ethnicity



<sup>\*</sup>Completers include on-time and delayed recipients of regular high school diplomas as well as IEP graduates, Adult Diploma recipients and GED recipients

Source: OSPI/WSU Social and Economic Sciences Research Center. Washington State College Enrollment Study, Class of 2003: College Enrollment in the First Year after Graduation. [www.sesrc.wsu.edu/nsc/]

# Washington workers are losing opportunities

 Washington businesses import highly educated workers from other states and nations

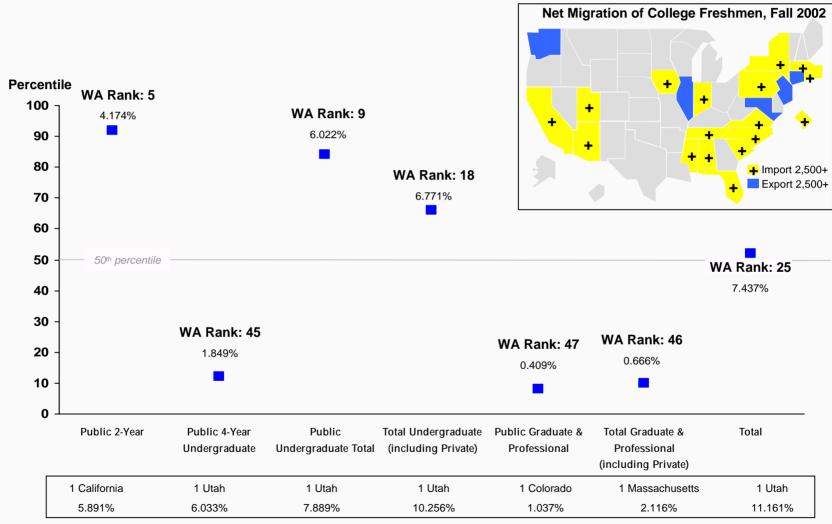
 This short-changes many Washington citizens who are not prepared to compete for the best-paying jobs or fully participate in the global economy

Source: Census, IPEDS, higheredinfo.org (NCHEMS)

### Participation Rate: State Rankings

Based on Fall 2002 Enrollment and Population 18 & over

Enrollments include students who are residents of other states plus foreign students.



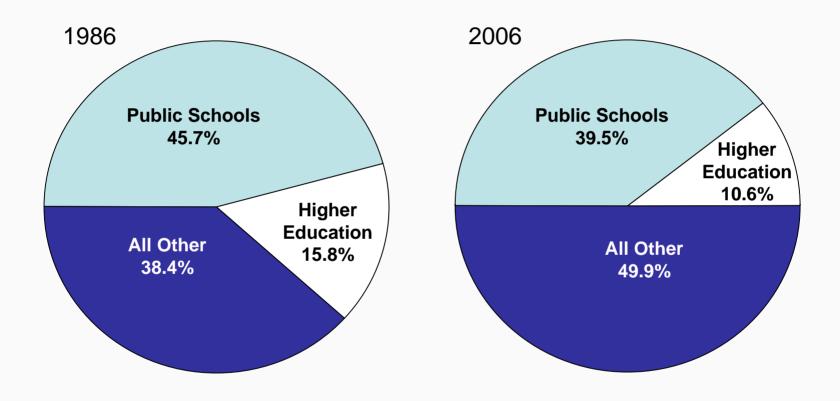
Source: NCES Digest of Education Statistics 2004, Table 198: Total fall enrollment in degree-granting institutions, by control, level of enrollment, type of institution, and state or jurisdiction: 2002. <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d04/tables/dt04\_198.asp">http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d04/tables/dt04\_198.asp</a>; U.S. Census Bureau.

### Competition for Scare Resources

 Proportionate share of general fund has declined in the last two decades

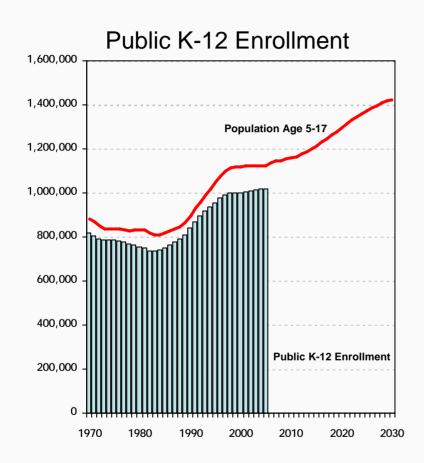
- Spending pressures in education are increasing
- Public schools and higher education institutions struggle for funding amidst soaring public costs for Medicaid, health inflation and prison populations

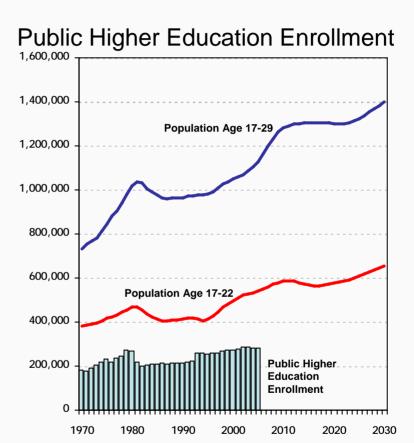
### Share of State Spending on Education



Source: Office of Financial Management

### **State Spending Drivers: Education**



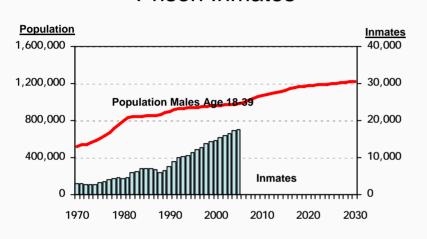


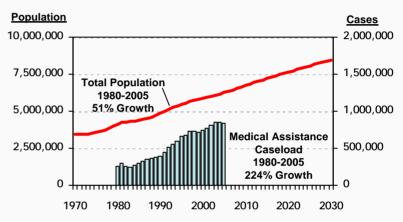
Source: OFM, Caseload Forecast Council

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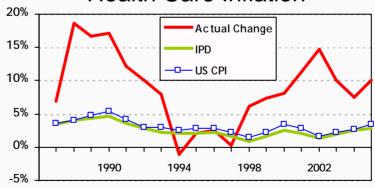
#### **Prison Inmates**

#### **Medical Assistance Caseload**





#### **Health Care Inflation**



Source: OFM, Caseload Forecast Council

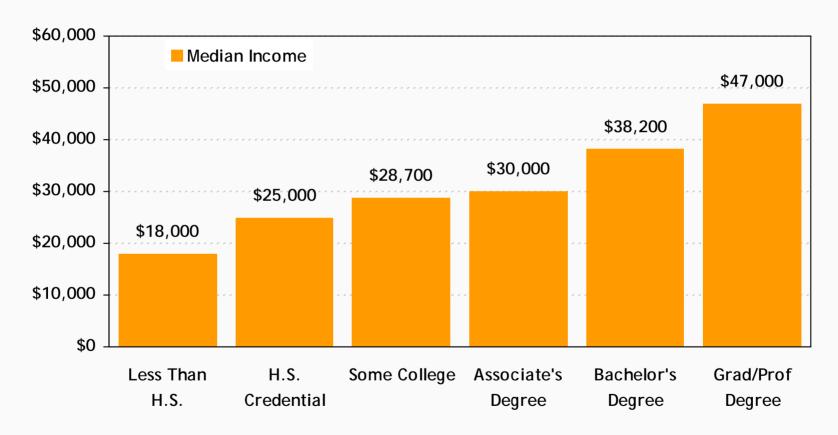
# **Investing in Education Pays**

 Research shows a "tipping point" (significant earnings increase) for those who receive an additional year of college

Increased lifetime earnings as educational level rises

 Social benefits and "externalities" also benefit society at large

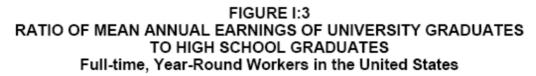
# Individuals benefit with increased education

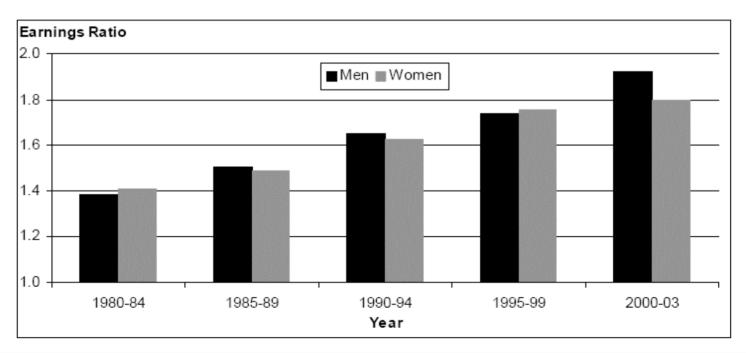


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, 5 Percent Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) for Washington.

Analysis by OFM.

# Rate of Return to College Education Increased over Last Two Decades





Source: Hill et al. The value of higher education, 2003, p. 15

### Education also benefits everyone

- Investments in education benefits communities through significant social returns. The more education people in a community have,
  - o The lower the crime rate
  - o The higher the level of civic participation
  - o The lower the dependence on public assistance
  - o The better the health outcomes

## Moretti's externality study

- Cross sectional data from 282 cities at three points in time PLUS a longitudinal study of 6,791 individuals from 201 cities
- 1% increase in college grads in a city result in wage increases of:
  - 1.9% for workers who did not graduate from high school
  - 1.6% for high school grads in the city
  - 0.4% for college grads

### In Summary

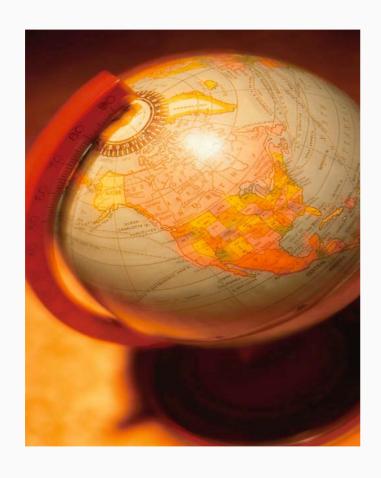
- The economic landscape of the 21<sup>st</sup> century requires a better educated work force
- Washington is a small nation, poised to excel in the global economy, but we are falling behind
- Without increased educational achievement-to educate everyone at higher levels-we will lose our competitive edge
- We must simultaneously "raise the educational bar" and "close the gap" that academically sidelines too many of our students

### **Our task:**

We must create a world-class education system to make sure our prosperity touches all of us, not just a few.

-- Governor Chris Gregoire

### Our vision:



We must raise educational attainment in Washington through a world-class, learner-focused education system in order to compete globally and thrive locally.